

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:20PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Jon Boni (7:28PM), Bill DeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Ken Leggo, Ed Marchion, Jim Marocchini, Mary Udice, Bob Tofeldt, Don Woods, and Kathy Zolad

Board Members Absent: Bernie Feeney

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Liaison: None present

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011. Ken Leggo seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 was unanimously approved with a 9-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rose Lyons addressed the board to express her gratitude for the good job the Parks & Recreation staff did during the recent storm. She was also impressed that the storm drains had been cleared as well during storm Irene a few months ago.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

the monthly report was e-mailed to the board members.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

SIGN POLICY

The board agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

MILL POND

There have been some contractor difficulties. Some supplies such as composite posts have been stolen. The deadline for completion will be the Night of Lights. The bridge is in and paved up on one side. Further work will be done in the spring.

CHURCHILL GAZEBO

The engineer report is done but not in yet.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

STORM UPDATE

Bruce Till reported that the Park Department had worked closely with the Highway Department during the storm and subsequent power outage and did a great job with snow plowing and tree clearing. He also highly commended his staff who worked at the shelter which housed much more people than anticipated. Bruce Till also reported that there was good communication with our CL&P contact. Don Woods would like the board to send a letter commending the Parks & Recreation department on their fine effort. Bob Tofeldt mentioned that he knew people who were at the shelter and pleased with the accommodations. Bruce Till stated that documentation and pictures of the work are needed in order to report to FEMA. Most of the parks in town have been cleared already. Parts of West Hill Cemetery and the batting cages at Clem Lemire Park were damaged. Eileen Francolino wondered if the reimbursement rate would be 75%. Bruce Till seemed to think so and explained that if that is the case, the remaining 25% would come from

the town budget.

BUDGET UPDATE

Bruce Till is recommending that a subcommittee be formed to review the CIP. There are a few projects that would need attention in the future such as the town pools and the Mortensen Community Center Gym. The purpose of the subcommittee is to review the major projects, assess priority and prepare for what would need to be done. Bill DeBlasio mentioned that there should be a light installed at the skate park. Bob Tofeldt asked that the walking trail be looked at since it is overgrown.

Bob Tofeldt asked why we paid half the price of the soccer goals. Don Woods responded that it was paid since it was a multi-use field and they were able to negotiate the price down.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Bill DeBlasio to adjourn. Jim Marocchini seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM with a 10-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loralyn Callahan